

Please do all you can to see that corporations do NOT continue to merge media outlets. There are several issues that should be considered before such a step is taken. First, and in my opinion foremost, there is a public safety issue. Large conglomerates of radio stations use prerecorded programming. If a local emergency develops, you have no way to get the information on the air to warn residents of the situation. Most people have battery operated radios but if there is no way to reach anyone at the local station, you cannot send out the warning of an impending danger. Secondly, the lack of diverse ideas and points of view will limit full disclosure of information and ideas. Any media conglomerate has a point of view and if no other point of view is available, the opinions of people can and will be influenced unfairly.

Thank you.